

Fiscal Year 2011 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Requests

Project Name: Access Road from I-530 to the Jefferson County Technology Campus, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Jefferson County, Arkansas

Request: \$12,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding is needed to begin construction on an access road from I-530 to the planned Technology Campus in Jefferson County, Arkansas.

Project Name: Airport Runway Extension, Arkansas

Recipient: Fort Smith Regional Airport

Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas

Request: \$1,500,000

Project Purpose:

To ensure the Fort Smith Regional Airport can continue to be fully functional for use by the U.S. Department of Defense through the Air National Guard and various itinerant military uses, the main east-west runway must be extended by 1,000 feet. This request would allow for design and initial construction.

Project Name: Arkansas Foodbank Network Facility, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas Foodbank Network

Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Request: \$250,000

Project Purpose:

The new 77,800 square foot facility will enable the foodbank to double total distribution to hungry Arkansans, significantly increasing the quantity of food and grocery product both within the primary service area of 33 counties, as well as to the other five foodbanks around the state. The new facility will have the right type of space, including greater cooler and freezer capacity, to allow the foodbank to accept more fresh and nutritious products.

Project Name: Arkansas Highway 45 Improvements, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas

Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will support improvements to Highway 45, including design engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utilities relocation, and construction.

Project Name: Arkansas River Trail, Arkansas
Recipient: Little Rock Parks and Recreation
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$10,000,000

Project Purpose:

The project's funding would be used for design and construction, which would provide for trails, lighting, seating, and other supporting amenities.

Project Name: Batesville Bypass, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Batesville, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

The project consists of creating a new 11.8 mile, 4-lane alternative route which will include a new river crossing on the White River.

Project Name: Batesville Regional Airport Runway Overlay, Arkansas
Recipient: Batesville Regional Airport
Project Location: Batesville, Arkansas
Request: \$3,456,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support a four-inch asphalt overlay for the main runway. This project improves overall aviation infrastructure and promotes economic development within the region.

Project Name: Belding Street Roadway Extension to U.S. Hwy 270, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$150,000

Project Purpose:

Funding will be used to extend Belding Street one block to Hwy 270 in Hot Springs. This project will relieve traffic congestion and improve the efficiency of the transportation system in the area.

Project Name: Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail at Arkansas State University, Mountain Home, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State University, Mountain Home
Project Location: Mountain Home, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will create a walking/jogging/bicycling trail around the 140-acre campus that will benefit the campus and the community as a whole. The trail has been designed by the architects and is awaiting funding and approval for construction to begin.

Project Name: Big Dam Bridge West Ramp, Arkansas

Recipient: Pulaski County, Arkansas

Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will create another ramp for the Big Dam Bridge, which will improve accessibility. The ramp will eliminate the intersection where riders departing the bridge eastward must stop or slow to a walking speed to go west on the trail.

Project Name: Blytheville Overpass, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Blytheville, Arkansas

Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used for planning and construction of a railroad overpass in Blytheville. Major industries and a growing number of residences are located on the east side of the city, while medical facilities and most emergency management facilities are located on the west side, which is bisected north to south by a BNSF railway.

Project Name: Central Arkansas Fairplex at Saline County, Arkansas

Recipient: Saline County, Arkansas

Project Location: Saline County, Arkansas

Request: \$4,000,000

Project Purpose:

The requested funding will support the architectural work, engineering and design, and construction of the Central Arkansas Fairplex in Saline County, Arkansas.

Project Name: City of Hot Springs, AR Bridge Projects, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Request: \$750,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support replacement of structurally deficient bridges in Hot Springs, AR. The proposed bridge projects are a key component in the local economy and will enhance the safety of the traveling public.

Project Name: City of Stuttgart Municipal Airport Rehabilitation, Arkansas

Recipient: City of Stuttgart Municipal Airport

Project Location: Stuttgart, Arkansas

Request: \$1,479,371

Project Purpose:

This project would rehabilitate Taxiway A by replacing the concrete and upgrading taxiway markings. The project would also repair and reseal runway 9/27. This airport is a regional airport that serves east central Arkansas. The airport is used by the U.S. Air Force for C-130J training from Little Rock Air Force Base.

Project Name: Crowley's Ridge Recreational Trail, Jonesboro, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State University
Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
Request: \$375,647
Project Purpose:
This request will support efforts to study and plan for the development of a connector biking route for the Mississippi River Trail.

Project Name: Downtown Streetscape Project, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Project Location: Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000
Project Purpose:
The requested funds will provide for streetscape improvements in downtown Pine Bluff to support tourism, economic development, and public safety in the downtown area.

Project Name: East McCain (Fairfax Avenue) Railroad Overpass, North Little Rock, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$10,000,000
Project Purpose:
The project is to construct a four-lane overpass for East McCain Boulevard (Fairfax Avenue) over the main lanes of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Project Name: East-West Major Collector Street, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Ozark, Arkansas
Request: \$1,500,000
Project Purpose:
This project will extend 29th Street from Highway 64 as a major collector street to connect with Highway 23 North. The street extension will alleviate the dead end street traffic congestion and reduce response time for fire, EMS, and other emergency vehicles to these high traffic facilities.

Project Name: Energy Retrofit for Boone County Library, Arkansas
Recipient: Boone County Library
Project Location: Harrison, Arkansas
Request: \$750,000
Project Purpose:
The requested funding will be used to provide a much-needed energy retrofit of the Boone County Library.

Project Name: Expansion to Morgan Manor, Arkansas
Recipient: Fayetteville Public Housing Authority
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

The Fayetteville Public Housing Authority does not have any units for assisted living. The proposed expansion to Morgan Manor will address this need by creating two assisted living facilities with 8 units in each facility.

Project Name: Faulkner Lake Road Improvements, Arkansas
Recipient: City of North Little Rock, Arkansas
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$5,420,000

Project Purpose:

The project consists of improvements to two miles of Faulkner Lake Road between Interstate 440 and Highway 391. Funding will be spent on acquisition of right-of-way, wetlands mitigation, relocation of utilities, design and engineering, and the construction of 40 feet of concrete pavement.

Project Name: Ferndale/Kanis Bridge Improvements, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Pulaski County, Arkansas
Request: \$6,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will support improvements to Ferndale Road in Pulaski County, AR. This roadway was constructed in the early 1920s, with the existing bridges built in 1950. The bridges are considered "functionally obsolete" by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. The new roadway alignment will allow the existing bridges to remain in place for traffic while construction is underway. The two bridges will then be utilized as pedestrian/bicycle bridges after construction is complete.

Project Name: Fort Smith Trolley Extension, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Fort Smith, Arkansas
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$300,000

Project Purpose:

As the region positions itself to take advantage of the Arkansas River and the opening of the U.S. Marshals Museum, the rail trolley will be an essential component in moving tourists from one downtown attraction to another and to area lodging properties. These funds will be used to install tracks along a route connecting hotel properties with downtown and riverfront attractions.

Project Name: Green Building Expansion, Arkansas
Recipient: Central Arkansas Transit Authority (CATA)
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$2,500,000

Project Purpose:

The requested funds will be used to expand the existing CATA administrative building, which is 20 years old. Insufficient space exists for the LINKS paratransit staff to adequately address the needs of the public and to interact with drivers and customers on the phone due to the space constraints and noise levels. The funds will also be used to provide a dedicated training room for driver and operator training.

Project Name: Harvey Dowell Road Bridge, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Washington County, Arkansas
Request: \$1,365,900

Project Purpose:

Funds would be used to replace this aging bridge. At the current weight limit, fire trucks can no longer cross safely. The fire trucks now have to travel a much longer distance to get to the homes on the other side of the bridge. This lengthens response time and puts citizens at a higher risk when they have an emergency.

Project Name: Hazel Street Widening Project, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Jefferson County, Arkansas
Request: \$21,600,000

Project Purpose:

The project would eliminate off-ramp/on-ramp congestion from Interstate 530 as well as alleviate congestion on this street at peak traffic times. Hazel Street is the major corridor that serves the Jefferson Regional Medical Center (JRMC) and Southeast Arkansas College (SEARK).

Project Name: Helena-West Helena Airport Commission Improvements, Arkansas
Recipient: Helena-West Helena Airport Commission
Project Location: Helena-West Helena, Arkansas
Request: \$710,000

Project Purpose:

The project will install new runway lighting and grading and storm drainage replacements at the Helena-West Helena Airport located in Phillips County, Arkansas. The current lighting system is over 40 years old, and its electrical systems are worn out and need to be replaced. The grading will clear the east side of the main runway of all obstacles in the safety areas in compliance with Federal Aviation Association (FAA) requirements.

Project Name: Highway 67: Corning-Missouri State Line, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Clay County, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to widen Highway 67 to four lanes between Corning, Arkansas, and the Missouri state line. Highway 67 is the most direct north-south connection between Interstate 30 in Little Rock and Interstate 55 south of St. Louis, Missouri. Widening Highway 67 will support and encourage multi-state transportation in the Delta region.

Project Name: Highway 71: Louisiana State Line to DeQueen, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Southwest Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to complete Arkansas's portion of the relocation of Highway 71 as a four-lane, interstate type facility between the Louisiana State line and DeQueen.

Project Name: Highway 71B Pedestrian Overpass, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Fayetteville, Arkansas
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$800,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support construction of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 71B and connect numerous neighborhoods to schools and businesses in Fayetteville.

Project Name: Highway 112 Improvement, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$9,270,000

Project Purpose:

In an effort to address safety needs and the adverse impact of congestion in an area of heavy pedestrian traffic, funds are requested to improve Highway 112 to three and/or four lanes with a center landscaped median and appropriate left turn lanes.

Project Name: Highway 167: El Dorado to Sheridan, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: South Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to complete the widening of Highway 167 to a four-lane arterial between the City of El Dorado and the City of Sheridan. The Highway 167 Corridor is the most direct north-south connection between Interstates 30 and 40 in central Arkansas to Interstate 20 in north central Louisiana.

Project Name: Highway 226: Highway 67 to Highway 49, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Craighead County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to widen Highway 226 to a four-lane, divided facility on an existing location between two interstate-type facilities, the new location of Highway 67 and Highway 49. Widening Highway 226 will improve commodity flow by shortening travel times, which will help the region's economy by reducing the cost of doing business.

Project Name: Highway 270/Printers Place/Highway 7 North, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$2,300,000

Project Purpose:

The proposed improvements will widen Highway 270/Printers Place/Highway 7 North and relieve congestion which will improve the efficiency of the transportation system in Hot Springs. By increasing the efficiency of this route, commodity flow will be improved with shorter travel times.

Project Name: Highway 412: Springdale Bypass, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Springdale, Arkansas
Request: \$4,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to relocate a segment of Highway 412 by constructing a four-lane freeway type facility that will provide a northern bypass of the City of Springdale. Highway 412 is part of the east-west corridor from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Nashville, Tennessee, which was designated by Congress as High Priority Corridor 8 in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Project Name: Hillcrest Towers Renovation, Arkansas
Recipient: Fayetteville Public Housing Authority
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support renovations of an aging high rise public housing facility. This facility was constructed in the late 1960s and has over 100 units available for public housing. In recent years, the structure has begun a slow deterioration as evidenced by leaching of acidic residue from the concrete used in construction. If corrective measures are not taken in the near future, there is concern that the erosion of support walls will continue to be a problem.

Project Name: Hot Springs Creek Greenway Trail, Arkansas

Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas

Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Request: \$30,000

Project Purpose:

This project would extend the trail which is the north-south backbone of the city's active alternative transportation network. The extension would make for a more livable community and reduce the need for motor vehicle use.

Project Name: I-30/I-49 Collector Roads, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Texarkana, Arkansas

Request: \$4,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project is to reconstruct roadways centered around the new I-30/I-49 Interchange. The present construction of the intersection of I-49 with I-30 created an access barrier to future development properties. This project will provide necessary upgraded roadway infrastructure to these properties allowing expansion and growth around this location contributing to economic development.

Project Name: I-30 and I-49 Frontage Roads, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Texarkana, Arkansas

Request: \$11,200,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to improve the frontage roads along the intersection of Interstate 30 and Interstate 49 in Texarkana, AR.

Project Name: I-40 Interchange in Maumelle, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Maumelle, Arkansas

Request: \$7,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request for funding is to build a complete interchange at the site of an old rest stop on I-40.

Project Name: I-49 between I-40 and U.S. Hwy. 71 South, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Crawford and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas

Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used for engineering services, right-of-way acquisition, utilities relocation, and construction of I-49 in Western Arkansas.

Project Name: I-555 Access Road, Poinsett County, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Poinsett County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

U.S. Highway 63, future Interstate 555, provides the only transportation artery across the St. Francis River floodway. Once this roadway reaches interstate standards, cotton module trucks will be denied access under current law. Without addressing this issue, these vehicles would be forced to travel alternate routes over significantly longer distances on narrow state highways, greatly increasing the hazards to civilian traffic. This request will provide funding to complete construction.

Project Name: Interchange at State Hwy. 89 and I-40 in Lonoke, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Lonoke, Arkansas
Request: \$2,700,000

Project Purpose:

This project includes constructing a new on and off ramp to and from I-40 and Highway 89. Highway 89 has an accident rate above the average for rural highways. The proposed project will re-route traffic volumes from these areas lessening the accident rates in these areas.

Project Name: Interstate 40: Conway - Pulaski Line, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Faulkner County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding will be used to continue development and construction of Interstate 40 main lane widening and interchange improvements in Faulkner County between the city of Conway and the Pulaski County line.

Project Name: Interstate 40: Mississippi River Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Northeast Arkansas
Request: \$35,600,000

Project Purpose:

This project will complete the seismic retrofit of the Interstate 40 bridge over the Mississippi River between Arkansas and Tennessee at Memphis.

Project Name: Interstate 40: New Conway South Interchange, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Conway, Arkansas
Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose:

The Federal Highway Administration has approved a Draft Environmental Impact Statement identifying the location of the Conway Western Arterial Loop as meeting current and future traffic needs. An essential element of this proposed new location route is to provide additional arterial route capacity in western Conway. This new location route will connect at the north and south with Interstate 40 which is a major east-west route.

Project Name: Interstate 49/Highway 7: Bella Vista Bypass, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Benton County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of Arkansas's portion of the Bella Vista Bypass. The bypass will be constructed as a four-lane, divided, interstate type facility west of existing Highway 71 from Bella Vista, Arkansas to Pineville, Missouri. This project will complete a critical link in the future Interstate 49 corridor.

Project Name: Interstate 69/Great River Bridge: Highway 65-MS Highway 1, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Desha County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This is a joint project with Mississippi for the construction of the substructure of the main Mississippi River Bridge. This bridge is a portion of a new location, four-lane, controlled-access highway.

Project Name: Interstate 430/630: Interchange Modification, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to modify the Interstates 430/630 Interchange in west Little Rock. Planned improvements will modernize a 25-30 year old cloverleaf interchange between two major urban interstates and improve the efficiency of the transportation system.

Project Name: Interstate 530 Collector, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: South Arkansas
Request: \$10,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project is for the construction of a new location, four-lane, controlled-access highway extending from Interstate 530 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Highway 278 near the planned I-69 Corridor.

Project Name: Interstate 540/Clayton Expressway Connection, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction to connect Interstate 540 and Arkansas Highway 255. The project would provide a safe, direct route for truck traffic between Interstate 540 and the industrial northern areas of Fort Smith.

Project Name: Interstate 540/Highway 71: Fayetteville-North, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request will allow for the continued development, enhancement, and construction of proposed Interstate 49 in Washington and Benton counties which includes widening and/or improving interchanges on Interstate 540 from Fayetteville north and the relocation of Highway 71 to the west of Bella Vista (Bella Vista Bypass).

Project Name: Interstate 540 Interchange Improvements, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

Interstate 540 is the transportation spine of the Northwest Arkansas region. The commercial growth of the region has gravitated to the interchanges on I-540, resulting in queues that back up on Interstate ramps to such an extent that they occasionally interfere with Interstate operations. This project will relieve existing traffic congestion, provide increased capacity to accommodate future traffic growth, and enhance motorist safety.

Project Name: Jenny Lind Road Project, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project is for capacity improvements to a one-mile stretch of Jenny Lind Road between Dallas Street and Phoenix Avenue. The roadway is mostly a two-lane street connecting many neighborhoods to commercial areas and to a large junior high school. Numerous turning movements create congestion and delays. The project will complement additional Jenny Lind Road improvements currently under construction to the north.

Project Name: Jonesboro Eastern Bypass, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
Request: \$1,500,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support an environmental study and engineering and design work for the Jonesboro Eastern Bypass.

Project Name: Levy Spur Rails-to-Trails Project, Arkansas
Recipient: City of North Little Rock, Arkansas
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$4,000,000

Project Purpose:

The City of North Little Rock intends to acquire and convert an unused rail corridor for a bicycle and pedestrian trail. Funds will be used for land acquisition, engineering, design, and construction of a 12-foot paved trail with appropriate drainage and safety features.

Project Name: Main Street Argenta Bridge Replacement, North Little Rock, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$11,885,000

Project Purpose:

This project involves the demolition and reconstruction of the existing Main Street Bridge, a 1,300 foot long, 62-foot wide, four-lane structure which spans the Union Pacific railroad yard in downtown North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Project Name: Marion Overpass and Approaches, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Marion, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to construct rail grade separation in Marion, Arkansas. There is presently no grade separation crossing over the BNSF tracks within 10 miles of Marion, and there are approximately 42 trains per day that travel through the city on this line. There are 1,500 homes and numerous businesses that are cut off from emergency vehicle access should a train block both crossings.

Project Name: Montrose Regional Commerce Initiative, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Montrose, Arkansas
Project Location: Montrose, Arkansas
Request: \$211,518

Project Purpose:

The requested funding will be used to locate a small business incubator facility in the city of Montrose that will offer adaptable space, training, and support services to individuals starting their own businesses.

Project Name: National Community Renaissance
Recipient: National Community Renaissance Development Corporation, Pulaski County, Arkansas
Project Location: Statewide
Request: \$8,000,000

Project Purpose:

This funding will make it possible for National CORE to proceed with development of affordable housing projects in communities where there is limited funding and resources to provide housing for low income families and seniors.

Project Name: North-South Corridor Analysis, Arkansas
Recipient: Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission
Project Location: Springdale, Arkansas
Request: \$600,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to analyze the north-south travel corridor in Northwest Arkansas. The analysis will include the feasibility of light rail and bus transit.

Project Name: Northwest Arkansas Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Fayetteville, Arkansas
Project Location: Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas
Request: \$600,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used for a North-South Corridor Analysis for Northwest Arkansas. The analysis would study the north-south corridor and include the feasibility of light rail as well as rapid bus transit as possible solutions to alleviating traffic congestion and meeting future travel demands.

Project Name: Phase III Lake Saracen Trail, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Project Location: Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Request: \$535,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to build a 100-foot pedestrian bridge for the Lake Saracen trail. The bridge represents Phase III of the development and is the missing link for providing a safer, more direct bike route link between downtown, Regional Park, and the University Park Neighborhood. Upon completion of all phases, the trail will encircle the lake and later be integrated into a trails system.

Project Name: Professional Aerial Application Support System
Recipient: National Agricultural Aviation Research and Education Foundation
Project Location: Nationwide
Request: \$50,000

Project Purpose:

The Professional Aerial Application Support System (PAASS) program is an educational program administered by the National Agricultural Aviation Research and Educational Foundation (NAAREF). The PAASS program is presented each year at state and regional agricultural aviation association conventions before nearly 2,000 participants. The PAASS program curriculum is new every year for aerial applicators and focuses on pilot safety, operational security and the safe and on-target delivery of crop protection products. The program is taught by trained aerial applicators in a classroom setting. Funds would support continued operation of the program.

Project Name: Rail Line Construction at Yellow Bend Port, Arkansas
Recipient: Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority
Project Location: McGehee, Arkansas
Request: \$4,500,000

Project Purpose:

The lack of rail service at the Yellow Bend Port is a major impediment to its operation and growth. A location/environmental assessment study to provide a rail line at Yellow Bend Port is complete. These funds will be used to conduct planning and design work and for right-of-way acquisition.

Project Name: Rehabilitation of the Dardanelle and Russellville Railroad, Arkansas
Recipient: Dardanelle and Russellville Railroad
Project Location: Russellville, Arkansas
Request: \$850,000

Project Purpose:

This project will enhance pedestrian and motor vehicle safety on and around the railroad including the areas surrounding Oakland Heights Elementary School and the local Boys and Girls Club. D&R Railroad will rebuild all of the street crossings from 7th to 19th Streets in Russellville. The installation of new crossing signals, lights, gates, and audible alarms on street crossings will also increase safety in the busy downtown area.

Project Name: Remount Road Bridge Replacement, North Little Rock, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$1,350,000

Project Purpose:

This project would demolish and replace the existing bridge located on Remount Road, adjacent to Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. Recent heavy rains have undermined the stability of this 57-foot structure, eroded side slopes and present a continuous danger to passenger and commercial traffic.

Project Name: Riverfront Economic Development, Marshals Museum Initiative and Technical Support, Arkansas
Recipient: City of Fort Smith, Arkansas
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$304,000

Project Purpose:

This request will address water and sewer infrastructure needs, develop walking trails along public access portions of the riverfront, and streamline the Museum's IT systems into a more user friendly and cost efficient operation.

Project Name: Shady Grove Railroad Trestle Upgrade, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project would remove the existing railroad trestle on Shady Grove Road to meet current state and federal height requirements, which would involve removal of a bridge. The new structure will span the entire width of the roadway, thus eliminating the hazardous pillars.

Project Name: State of Arkansas - Bus and Bus Facilities for Urban, Rural, and Elderly and Disabled Agencies, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Request: \$20,752,000

Project Purpose:

This funding is requested for buses and bus facilities for Arkansas's small urban and rural transit systems, and to supplement the procurement of ADA vans and small buses for Arkansas's 250 community service organizations serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Project Name: Technical Assistance for Infrastructure Development in East Arkansas, Arkansas

Recipient: East Arkansas Enterprise Community

Project Location: Forrest City, Arkansas

Request: \$250,000

Project Purpose:

The requested funds will enable East Arkansas Enterprise Community (EAEC) to provide the needed technical assistance to support 50 infrastructure projects in 11 rural communities.

Project Name: Transit Global Positioning System, Arkansas

Recipient: City of Hot Springs Intracity Transit

Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Request: \$210,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to install a Global Positioning Satellite system for improved vehicle location capability and to provide increased security to the passengers and employees. It would also enable the transit system to improve routing and timing on the routes for enhanced service. In the event of an emergency aboard a transit vehicle, the project would allow immediate location of the vehicle.

Project Name: Transit On-Board Mobile Data Computers, Arkansas

Recipient: City of Hot Springs Intracity Transit

Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Request: \$200,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to install mobile data terminals, which will permit improved dispatching and passenger information. It will also replace or supplement the existing, faltering two-way radio system.

Project Name: Transit Scheduling/Dispatch Software, Arkansas

Recipient: City of Hot Springs Intracity Transit

Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas

Request: \$125,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to procure, install, and utilize computerized scheduling/dispatch software for improved paratransit efficiency.

Project Name: University of Arkansas Campus Streets Improvement, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$6,830,000

Project Purpose:

This project will improve the streetscape of University of Arkansas campus streets. Funding would address problems along three portions of campus roads. Maple Street, from Garland Avenue to Arkansas Avenue, is a two lane street bisecting the north side of campus. It carries heavy pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic. Arkansas Avenue, from Maple Street to Dickson Street, approximates the eastern perimeter of campus and also has heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Arkansas Avenue has a historic median island which needs maintenance work. Dickson Street, from Garland Avenue to Arkansas Avenue, crosses the south side of the campus before becoming the central entertainment district of the area. Funds would be used to continue ongoing enhancements.

Project Name: University of Arkansas Mack-Blackwell Program, Arkansas
Recipient: University of Arkansas
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$3,500,000

Project Purpose:

This project would provide for the continued operation of the University of Arkansas's Mack-Blackwell Program. Funding would be used for salaries and benefits, scholarships, equipment, facilities and administration, and other costs associated with the program.

Project Name: University Park Neighborhood Development, Arkansas
Recipient: Jefferson County Community Development Corporation
Project Location: Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Request: \$3,121,506

Project Purpose:

The requested funding will enable the Jefferson County Community Development Corporation to continue its efforts and build 52 new homes that are energy efficient. Funds will specifically be used for construction and land acquisition.

Project Name: U.S. Highway 63/Future Interstate 555 Interchange Improvements, Arkansas
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
Request: \$2,500,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to make interchange improvements along U.S. Highway 63 (Future Interstate 555) in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The intersections at Southwest Drive, Harrisburg Road, Caraway Road, and Stadium Boulevard have become dangerous, and studies show that increased traffic in the next 5 to 10 years will back up for miles off the exits onto the future interstate.

Project Name: Vada Sheid Community Development Center, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

Project Location: Mountain Home, Arkansas

Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support the construction of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center at Arkansas State University – Mountain Home (ASUMH). Community groups in north central Arkansas as well as visiting business and education associations will use the center for conferences and other events. ASUMH's Continuing Education Department will use the conference rooms and collaborate to conduct large economic development events (career fairs, business expos, etc.) in the great hall and auditorium complex.

Project Name: West Loop Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas

Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas

Request: \$2,939,000

Project Purpose:

Arkansas State University is seeking funding to improve pedestrian safety on campus through the development of plans to modify traffic circulation on and around the campus. Moreover, this road project will significantly improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the west side of the campus.

Project Name: Western AR RITA Rail Upgrade and Development, Arkansas

Recipient: Western Arkansas Regional Intermodal Transportation Authority

Project Location: Sebastian and Crawford Counties, Arkansas

Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

This funding will support development of 1.75 miles of new rail/rail spur at Chaffee Crossing to deliver freight to existing new industries and .75 mile of new rail/rail spur at the Van Buren Port facilities.

Project Name: Western Arkansas RITA Improvements, Arkansas

Recipient: Western Arkansas Regional Intermodal Transportation Authority

Project Location: Sebastian and Crawford Counties, Arkansas

Request: \$900,000

Project Purpose:

These funds will be used to develop a 50-acre site at Chaffee Crossing in Sebastian County and a 30-acre site at the Van Buren Port in Crawford County with water, sewer, electricity, and fiber optics to support future development.